

**REMARKS**

In accordance with the foregoing, claims 7, 10, 13, and 19 have been amended. Claims 2, 4, and 6-20 are pending and under consideration. No new matter is presented herein.

It is respectfully requested that this Rule 312 Amendment be entered in the above-referenced case as the amendments to the claims do not affect the scope of the claims. These claims are being amended to provide proper antecedent support, in a manner similar to the amendments made to claims 2, 4, 6, and 14-18, which were requested by the Examiner in the Office Action mailed April 20, 2004.

If there are any formal matters remaining after this response, the Examiner is requested to telephone the undersigned to attend to these matters.

If there are any additional fees associated with filing of this Amendment, please charge the same to our Deposit Account No. 19-3935.

Respectfully submitted,

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